

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2021
In Person Meeting, Jefferson Township Board of Education Bldg.

I. Opening of Meeting/Open Public Meeting Statement

- a. In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, The Lake Hopatcong Commission has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof delivered or mailed or electronically mailed to the following:

DAILY RECORD the NEW JERSEY HERALD and posted on the Lake Hopatcong Commission website (lakehopatcongcommission.org)

II. Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence

III. Roll Call

Present: Mark Crowley, Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Ryan Gilfillan, Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Bill Hirshfeld, Tom Sellaro

With eight members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner McCarthy makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Pravs seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Abstain	Tessier	Abstain
Franek	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Smith	Yes
McCarthy	Yes		
Stevens	Yes		

The motion passes 6-0-2 (one abstention).

V. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that there are six bills totaling \$4,539.00. He states that after the list of bills is paid the Commission will have \$271,487. Ms. Lyons states that her monthly bill is not listed because she did not submit her invoice prior to taking vacation. The Commission requests that her bill be included in the list of bills. She states that Princeton Hydro has also requested that the Commission pay their subcontractor for work completed on the Aquafilter unit, approximately \$47,000. Chair Smith requests a motion to add Ms. Lyons invoice and the Princeton Hydro payment to the bill list. Commissioner

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Tessier makes a motion to approve the full list including Ms. Lyons invoice and the Princeton Hydro partial payment. Commissioner Wilsusen seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Franek	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Smith	Yes
McCarthy	Yes		
Stevens	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

VI. Correspondence

Colleen Lyons states that the land use applications are available on the OneDrive Account. She states there is no other new correspondence.

VII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that the Commission held a special meeting to appoint an insurance broker of record. He states that the Commission is working with DEP to transfer equipment and employees. Ms. Lyons is working with R&L Payroll to establish payroll.

VIII. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Tessier states that he is waiting for the Governor to sign the Lake’s Bill. Commissioner Wilsusen states that there was a home heating oil spill in Jefferson Township that extended into Bright’s Cove. He states that during his visit, Governor Murphy promised to get the mayors a meeting with the Superintendent of the State Police. Commissioner Stevens notes the growth of eel grass in many coves around the lake. Commissioner Crowley asks if there is a designated entity responsible for towing boats if they are broken down.

IX. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. She states that information has been submitted to the bank to open the payroll accounts, and additional information requested by the insurance broker has been provided. She states that she is working with DEP to transfer equipment, establish MOU for the Franklin Building and transfer personnel. She states that at the request of Mayor Stanzilis she will be attending Mount Arlington Council meetings to provide updates on activities around the lake. She attended her first meeting last week. Ms. Lyons states that she attended a meeting at Green Pond with Kyle Richter and Mayor Wilsusen where

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their lake organization demonstrated aquatic weed removal through diver assisted hand puling.

X. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update on Lake Hopatcong Foundation activities. He states that the Foundation hosted a Safety Meet and Greet at the Train Station. He states that he also attended the weed harvesting demonstration at Green Pond and the Foundation will host Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill on the Floating Classroom. He states that the Foundation still has a few public cruises available this season and that the Lake Hopatcong Block Party will be held on October 2nd.

XI. Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose of Princeton Hydro provides updates on their work. He states that Princeton Hydro conducted an aquatic plant survey on August 2nd where they found moderate amounts of plant growth with some higher densities in Landing Channel, and sporadic stands in River Styx/Crescent Cove. Mr. Rose states that the second cyanotoxin sampling event was conducted on August 6th. At all eight stations cyanotoxins were below the State's draft recommended 2021 threshold of 15ppb. Two water quality sampling events are scheduled for August 17th and 30th for standard water quality monitoring and 319 grant associated monitoring. Mr. Rose provides a list of remaining tasks for the HAB grant as well as the 319 grant and Highland's Council grants.

XII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the State Park sewer has been hooked up. She states that the minimum outflow is below 12cfs and the lake level is at about 9 feet.

NJDEP/LHC MOU

Commissioner Osowski is not present to provide an update.

Grant Updates

No additional updates.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier is waiting for a report from Princeton Hydro. He requests a draft of the report to be reviewed prior to the next Commission meeting.

Budget

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Chair Steinbaum is not present to provide an update.

Finance

Chair Stevens states that there is no update.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley states that during the last meeting he provided an update to the ByLaws. Chair Smith states that the update passed.

Planning

Chair McCarthy states that the Committee met to discuss the direction the Commission is going including weed harvesting, employees, water quality and how best to spend resources. He states that he would like to schedule another meeting in the near future.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs is not present.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy states that the Committee met to discuss the current flyer and has presented the agreed upon changes to Ms. Lyons.

Ad-Hoc Reorganization Committee

Chair Smith states that the Ad-Hoc Committee can be disbanded.

XIII. New Items

Oil Spill Bright's Cove

Mayor Wilsusen states that on August 9th a business owner reported an oil smell in Bright's Cove. It was discovered that there was a home heating oil leak from within Bright's Cove. NJDEP was notified and they estimate that 25-30 gallons of oil were released.

XIV. Public Comments

Tim Clancy of Lake Hopatcong states that he sent a letter regarding recent trout catches. He feels that an ad-hoc committee should be formed to discuss current stocking strategies and determine if any changes should be made. Chair Smith agrees with the request and appoints Dan McCarthy as the Chair. Tim Clancy, Fred Steinbaum, and Fred Lubnow are recommended for the committee.

John Kurzman of Lake Hopatcong states that he is concerned about the restoration of the fountain at Hopatcong State Park and the impact it may have on water level.

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XV. Action Items

No action items.

XVI. Close of Meeting

Chairman Smith entertains a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stevens seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.

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